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CINCPAC PLS PASS TO ASD MENDOLIA DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS

E.O. 11652:ADS DECEMBER 11, 1974

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SUBJECT: INSTALLATION AND ACTIVITY REALIGNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

1. THE SECDEF HAS APPROVED THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF HQ PACIFIC AIR FORCE, HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, HONOLULU, HAWAII.
2. SECDEF WILL MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS ACTION AT 1100 HOURS EST, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1974.
3. FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION BASED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES R. SCHLESINGER TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION OF SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE JOHN L. MCLUCAS AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, GENERAL DAVID C. JONES, TO DISESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS, PACIFIC AIR FORCES (HQ PACAF), HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, HONOLULU, HAWAII. THE PLANNED DISESTABLISHMENT OF HQ PACAF AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE RESIDUAL AIR FORCE UNITS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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HAWAII WILL RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF ABOUT 2,400 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN POSITIONS IN HAWAII, AND REDUCE ANNUAL HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT COSTS FOR THE AIR FORCE BY APPROXIMATELY 34 MILLION DOLS.

4. THE MAJORITY OF THE MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE HEADQUARTERS AND OTHER RELATED HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT ELEMENTS WILL BE ASSUMED BY COMMANDS IN THE CONTINENTAL

UNITED STATES AND OTHER AIR FORCE ECHELONS IN THE PACIFIC. OVERALL OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF USAF UNITS IN THE PACIFIC WILL REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN AIR FORCE COMPONENT COMMANDER. THE AIR FORCE RELATIONSHIP AS A COMPONENT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PACIFIC COMMAND WILL BE UNCHANGED.

5. THIS ACTION IS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEFENSE AND AIR FORCE PROGRAM TO REDUCE HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO INCREASE THE COMBAT CAPABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCE.

6. THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HAS REDEPLOYED SIGNIFICANT FORCES FROM THE PACIFIC AREA SINCE THE HEIGHT OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA CONFLICT. IT HAS ALSO REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED THE CAPABILITY TO DEPLOY COMBAT FORCES RAPIDLY WORLDWIDE SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. INHERENT IN THE PLANNING OF THESE PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS ADJUSTMENTS IS THE RETENTION OF THE CAPABILITY TO EXPAND RAPIDLY THE COMMAND AND CONTROL MECHANISM SHOULD A MAJOR CONTINGENCY REQUIRE THE RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF A COMBAT FORCE. MODERNIZED COMMUNICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES PERMIT THE DECENTRALIZATION PLANNED BY THIS ACTION WITHOUT DEGRADATION OR INTERRUPTION OF SUPPORT TO THE AIR FORCE COMBAT UNITS, THE SUPPORTED ARMY FORCES IN THE PACIFIC AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, PACIFIC COMMAND (CINCPAC).

7. UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAM FOR STABILITY OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ASSIST DISPLACED US CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN OBTAINING OTHER ACCEPTABLE EMPLOYMENT. ELIGIBLE US CAREER EMPLOYEES DESIRING PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE WILL BE REGISTERED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRIORITY PLACEMENT PROGRAM AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION'S DISPLACED EMPLOYEES PROGRAM FOR REFERRAL AND CONSIDERATION IN OTHER VACANCIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND BY OTHER FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.

8. THERE ARE NO COMBAT ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS HEADQUARTERS DISESTABLISHMENT.

9. AMEMBASSIES: REQUEST THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF THE IMMINENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF PACAF. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT DISESTABLISHMENT OF PACAF, LIKE THAT OF USARPAC SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, IS INTENDED MERELY TO CUT OUR HEADQUARTERS COST, AND WILL HAVE NO REPEAT NO EFFECT ON

US CAPABILITY TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS IN ASIA AND THE
PACIFIC. YOU SHOULD ASK HOST GOVERNMENTS TO HOLD THIS

INFORMATION CLOSELY UNTIL WE HAVE ANNOUNCED THIS PUBLICLY
AT 1100 HOURS EST, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1974.

10. TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLETION OF THE DIS-
ESTABLISHMENT ACTION WILL BE PROVIDED SUBSEQUENTLY BY
THE US AIR FORCE TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

11. QUERIES WHICH CANNOT BE ANSWERED FROM THE ABOVE IN-
FORMATION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO SECDEF, ATTENTION ASD
(I&L) FOR PREPARATION OF REPLY.

12. DOWNGRADED UPON CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCE-
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